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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON
FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the captioned application, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of abandonment was not received.

The undersigned hereby states:

(1) The Office Action indicated as mailed on November 14, 2002 was not received.

(2) A search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.

(3) Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. The Office Action would have been entered under the file no. "CDS0215 US/NP" having a deadline of 14-FEB-2003 and would have appeared directly above the entry for "CDS0285 US/NP."

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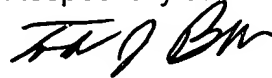
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(5) In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and a new Office Action issued.

(6) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee (37 CFR § 1.17(h) - \$ 130.00) to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-0215/TJB in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

In the event of any non-payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-0215/TJB in the name of Johnson & Johnson as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,



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